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Re: 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review - Amendment
of Part 18 of the Commission's Rules to Update
Regulations for RF Lighting Devices ET Docket /
No. 98-42 - *Ex Parte* Communications

Dear Ms. Salas:

Attached is a letter to you dated December 1, 1998 from Mitchell
Lazarus concerning the above-referenced proceeding. The Part 15 Coalition
supports this letter, and endorses the proposed rule change.

Sincerely,



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Re: 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review — Amendment of Part 18 of the
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ET Docket No. 98-42 — *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is a written ex parte communication pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the
Commission's Rules.

I am authorized to state that the following entities support this letter: Bluetooth
Promoters (Ericsson, IBM, Intel, Nokia, and Toshiba), Harris Corporation, Metricom, Symbol
Technologies, Inc., and 3Com Corporation.

Representatives of several Part 15 interests, including the undersigned, met with Mr. Ari
Fitzgerald, Office of Chairman Kennard, on November 23, 1998. We urged the Commission to
consider the public interest in Part 15 spread spectrum operations, and to set in-band emission
limits compatible with the successful operation of both Part 15 and RF lighting.

Mr. Fitzgerald invited us to draft rule language that would accomplish the desired ends as
narrowly as possible.

Section 18.305(c) presently limits out-of-band emissions for RF lighting devices. Our
proposed additional language on in-band emissions is marked with a double underscore.

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§ 18.305 Field strength limits

(a) Except as otherwise provided, ISM equipment operating on a frequency specified in § 18.301 is permitted unlimited radiated energy in the band specified for that frequency.

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[Renumber § 18.305(c) as § 18.305(c)(1) and add this new § 18.305(c)(2)]

(2) Within the bands specified in § 15.247, the field strength limits for RF lighting devices, measured at 3 meters, shall not exceed 1 mv/m for equipment installed indoors, and 10 mv/m for equipment installed outdoors.

In-band limits are necessary because RF lighting devices are more likely than other ISM equipment to disrupt critical Part 15 operations. RF lighting devices will be marketed to many of the same commercial and industrial locations that use sophisticated Part 15 equipment. They will tend to be deployed in greater numbers at a given site than other ISM devices, and can also cause interference from adjacent sites, as well as from nearby public property such as parks and roadways. Unlike most other ISM equipment, RF lighting devices will ordinarily operate continuously for many hours at a time.

RF lighting devices do not depend for their operation on emissions beyond the confines of the device. RF experts in the Part 15 industry are confident that inexpensive shielding measures can limit the emissions from RF lighting devices, while diminishing light output by a few percent at most. We have spelled out an example in other *ex parte* presentations.

ISM is the only FCC-regulated radio service without power restrictions — a last vestige of earlier days when there was plenty of spectrum for everyone. But ever-increasing congestion has since necessitated sharing in most bands, including the ISM bands. The 2.4 GHz band is densely used by Part 15, in addition to ISM, and is also allocated to the radiolocation and amateur services. Today the public interest no longer supports a policy of unlimited emissions, especially for equipment that need not radiate at all to perform its function.

The Part 15 interests identified in this letter are willing to discuss alternatives to the emission limits specified above that might better serve the needs of both industries.

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Kindly date-stamp and return the extra copy of this letter.

If there are any questions about this filing, please call me at the number above.

Respectfully submitted,


Mitchell Lazarus

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